

# SENATE BILL 722

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By: **Senator Middleton**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Proceedings and Orders**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Service Commission to conduct a certain  
4 proceeding for the purpose of issuing a certain order that affects more than one  
5 public service company; requiring the Commission to provide certain notice of a  
6 certain proceeding; requiring the notice to contain certain information;  
7 requiring the Commission to provide a certain person with an opportunity to  
8 explain why a certain proceeding should not be conducted; requiring the  
9 Commission, in holding a certain hearing, to provide an opportunity for a  
10 certain person to participate in the hearing in certain manners; requiring the  
11 Commission to conduct at least one hearing on certain issues; requiring the  
12 Commission to issue an order within a certain time; and generally relating to  
13 proceedings held by the Public Service Commission.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Public Utility Companies  
16 Section 3–113(f)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

22 3–113.

23 **(F) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE**  
24 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)**  
25 **OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY CONDUCT A PROCEEDING AND**  
26 **ISSUE AN ORDER THAT AFFECTS MORE THAN ONE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





1                           **(II) HOLD AT LEAST ONE HEARING ON THE ISSUES RAISED**  
2 **BY THE COMMISSION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

3                           **(III) ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF**  
4 **THE RECORD IN THE PROCEEDING.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2010.